

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO MR. ALBERT KRAUSE, JR. FOR HIS 65 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

#### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great New Jerseyman. For 65 years, Mr. Albert Krause, Jr., of River Vale, New Jersey has dedicated his life to serving our local communities. As a 58 year veteran of the River Vale Volunteer Fire Department, where he held the office of Chief twice and Fire Marshall and served for another 7 years as a member of the Oradell Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Krause committed himself to making northern New Jersey a safer and stronger place to live.

As a life member of the New Jersey and New York Fireman's Association's, Mr. Krause has risen above and beyond the call of duty to protect our communities and neighborhoods. Very few people ever reach this milestone in the fire service. For this distinguished honor of 65 years of service, we recognize him as a true American hero.

Nearly one million state and local first responders, of which approximately 750,000 volunteers like Mr. Krause, regularly put their lives on the line to protect the lives of others and make our country safer. Today, we give thanks for the invaluable service rendered by Mr. Krause and other firefighters, who risk their lives to preserve and protect our communities. Courageous servants, such as Mr. Krause have inspired us with their dedication and professionalism.

As we recognize and remember the sacrifices of Mr. Krause, let us draw great strength from his example of selfless service to others. Mr. Krause's 65 years of fire service to River Vale and Oradell embodies the best of the American spirit.

We thank Mr. Krause for helping to renew our respect for public service and providing lasting lessons in courage for many years to come. On behalf of the people of New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District, it is with great honor, that I recognize Mr. Krause for his 65 years of volunteer fire service.

### RECOGNIZING SERGEANT STEVEN P. JONES FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Steven P. Jones of the Lake County, California Sheriff's Department, for dedicating his professional life to protecting and serving the people of Lake County.

Steven Jones first joined the Lake County Sheriff's Department on March 15, 1973 as a Deputy Officer. Deputy Jones earned Peace Officer Standards and Training certificates in 1977 and 1982. His achievements and disciplined work ethic helped pave the way for his promotion to the rank of Sergeant in 1977.

Sergeant Jones has served the Sheriff's Department in many different capacities. He has served as SWAT team leader, Search and Rescue team leader, Patrol Supervisor, Investigator, Volunteer Coordinator and Commander at the Lower Lake Substation.

Regardless of his specific title or role within the department, Sergeant Jones has always been a leader and an example to his fellow officers. His dedication to the community has been a tremendous benefit to us all.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Jones epitomizes the standards of a true civil servant. For over 30 years he has conducted himself with honor and dignity. Even when he is not working, Sergeant Jones is never really off duty. On Sunday July 14, 1996 Sergeant Jones and his wife Pattie were walking in Library Park, a popular local recreation area. As they walked about, they looked to the water. There they witnessed an accident involving a 5-year-old boy and his Jet Ski. The child had been knocked off of his Jet Ski and was facing certain peril when without hesitation Sergeant Jones jumped into the water and began swimming toward the boy. Fortunately for that boy and his family, Sergeant Jones' strength and training took over and he not only reached the child, he pulled him to the dock and administered proper medical attention until rescue personnel could arrive.

Such is the character of Sergeant Jones.

Mr. Speaker, three decades have passed since Sergeant Jones first joined the force. In that time, his dedication to our community has remained firm and intact. He has never wavered and he has always maintained our confidence. Sergeant Jones has protected and served Lake County faithfully, he has kept us safe. For his outstanding service and amazing call to duty over the previous 30 years, it is proper for us to honor Sergeant Steven P. Jones at the time of his retirement from the Lake County Sheriff's Department and extend out best wishes to him in his retirement.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, on April 22, 2003, I missed rollcall vote No. 211. Had I been here I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 211.

### HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2003 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SHIELD AWARD, RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY

#### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinguished honor to recognize five great New Jerseyans for their service and commitment to public safety. Patrolman Timothy Flanagan of the Ramsey Police Department, Assistant Chief Thomas Lanning of the Ramsey Fire Department, Lieutenant Steve Ahlstedt of the Ramsey Ambulance Squad, Captain Chris Hoffman of the Ramsey Rescue Squad and Michael Greenshields of the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management have risen above and beyond the call of duty to protect our communities and neighborhoods. Their selfless service is a testament and model for those who regularly put their lives on the line to protect others and make northern New Jersey safer. It is my privilege to recognize and give thanks for their invaluable service to the people of Ramsey, New Jersey.

Each and every day across our country, across New Jersey and throughout the great borough of Ramsey, first responders selflessly risk their lives to protect our families and neighborhoods. None of them become a first responder for the money—in many cases they volunteer their services. Nor do any of them put on their uniform expecting a life of ease. Day-in and day-out they put themselves in harm's way and stand in the face of danger. They take the job because they want to serve their community and their country. Fortunately, this great country has such heroic men and women.

On behalf of the people of New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District, it is with great honor, that I recognize and salute Patrolman Flanagan, Assistant Chief Lanning, Lieutenant Ahlstedt, Captain Hoffman and Mr. Greenshields for their bravery, courage and commitment to public safety.

### TRIBUTE TO ISAIAH HILL, JR.

#### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Isaiah Hill, Jr. This noble man has dedicated and committed his life to serving the people of Miami-Dade County for 38 years in our Department of Parks and Recreation, and he has decided to retire at the end of June.

Mr. Hill began his years of distinguished service in 1966 as a Laborer in the county parks system. Few imagined at that time that this first job would lead to a lifelong commitment to becoming a Skilled Laborer, Golf Attendant, and Maintenance Repair Mechanic.

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